

## Amendments to the Claims

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1. (Currently amended) A method of optimizing a workflow management system (WFMS), said method being executable by said WFMS on at least one computer system, said WFMS accessing a WFMS database ~~comprising~~ containing as an object at least one process model ~~and instantiations or an instantiation~~ of said process model (process instance ~~instances~~), said method comprising the step of transferring ~~objects~~ said object of the WFMS database to an archive database.
  2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 in which the step of transferring ~~objects~~ said object of the WFMS database to the archive database is carried out if a predetermined event occurs.
  3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 in which the step of transferring ~~objects~~ said object of the WFMS database to the archive database is carried out if the objects are not currently used by the WFMS.
  4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 in which the ~~objects~~ object transferred to the archive database comprises a process instance ~~instances~~.
  5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 in which the process ~~instances~~ instance transferred to the archive database ~~are~~ is selected among instances of a certain process model depending on the value of certain properties of the process model.
  6. (Original) The method of claim 4 comprising the further step of transferring from an application store to an application archive store data which is managed by programs that implement activities of a process model from which process instances are transferred to the archive database.
  7. (Original) The method of claim 6 comprising the further step of transferring the data from the application archive store back to the application store.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 in which the ~~objects-object~~ transferred to the archive database comprises a process model-models.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of transferring the ~~objects-object~~ back to the WFMS database.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9 in which the ~~objects-are-object~~ is transferred back to the WFMS database when ~~they-are-it~~ is needed again.

11. (Currently amended) A system comprising means adapted for carrying out the steps of the method of claim 1 ~~whereas-wherein~~ the system comprises an archiving database.

12. (Original) A data processing program comprising software code portions for performing the method of claim 1 when the program is executed in a data processing system.

13. (Original) A computer program product comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform the method of claim 1 when the program is executed in a computer.

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